

REMARKS

Claims 2, 6, 8, 13, 16 and 17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2, 6, 8, 13, 16 and 17 are amended, and claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-12, 14 and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The amendments introduce no new matter because they are supported by at least the claims as originally filed, or only correct minor informalities. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for including the word "dynamic." Of claims 1-17, claims 2, 6, 8, 13, 16 and 17 remain pending. The word "dynamic" is removed from claims 2, 6, 8, 13, 16 and 17 by the amendments set forth above. Withdrawal of the rejection as to claims 2, 6, 8, 13, 16 and 17 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 12-15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Sakamoto et al. (U.S. 6,495,805) ("Sakamoto"). Of claims 1-3, 5, 6, 12-15 and 17, claims 2, 6, 13 and 17 remain pending. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as to claims 2, 6, 13 and 17.

The features of claim 4 are incorporated into claim 2, rendering claim 2 allowable as indicated in the Office Action. Claim 6 depends on claim 2 and is therefore likewise allowable for at least that reason, as well as for the additional features it recites.

Claims 13 and 17 correspond to claim 2. The features of claim 16 are incorporated into claims 13 and 17, rendering claims 13 and 17 allowable as indicated in the Office Action.

Further, the features of claim 2 are incorporated into claim 16, rendering claim 16 allowable as indicated in the Office Action.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 6, 13 and 17 is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakamoto et al. (U.S. 6,495,805) in view of Suzuki (U.S. 5,593,608). Of claims 7-11, claim 8 remains pending.

Claim 8 depends on claim 2 and is therefore allowable for at least that reason, as well as for the additional features it recites. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 8 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 4 and 16 are objected to. Claim 4 is canceled. Claim 16 is indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 16 is so rewritten. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 16 is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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